

# Common Terminology

**Chick-** newly hatched chicken

**Broiler/Roaster-** chickens raised for meat

**Market Animal-** livestock raised & bred for food consumption

## Project Opportunities

- Market broiler, turkey, or roaster
- Poultry Judging

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## Dates:

**8/15** Major Show & BCYLS Turkey Orders Due

**9/9** Major Show Broiler Orders Due

**10/17** BCYLS Broiler Orders Due

**3/21-26** Brazos County Youth Livestock Show



# Introduction to Poultry





## Facilities

- Poultry projects require a fully enclosed building, with adequate air circulation- fans, window AC unit, etc.
- Facilities should be secure to ensure complete protection from predators.

## Purchasing

- Poultry projects are bought in sets of 25
  - Broilers average about \$1.62/bird (approx \$42/set)
  - Turkeys average about \$4.48/bird (approx \$112/set)

## Raising Poultry Basic Supplies

### Project Duration-

- Broiler projects last about 6 weeks from pickup to show day
- Turkey projects have a 3-4 month project duration depending on the show attended.

### Time Commitments-

- Poultry projects are less of a time commitment, but time should still be set aside daily for wellness checks, cleaning, feeding, & watering.
- At different points during the project duration, time should be set aside to sort & cull projects not show ready.

- Poultry feeders
- Waterers
- Saw dust bedding
- Optional- apron, poncho, or coveralls to protect clothes during the show
- Way to transport project to the show
  - crate, basket, kennel, etc.

## Consider

- Time commitment
- What show you want to attend
- How many pens you're going to enter.
  - Exhibitors usually purchase 25 birds per 1 anticipated pen entry.